

**NEW HAMPSHIRE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS
121 S. FRUIT ST.
CONCORD, NH 03301-2412**

MEETING MINUTES – August 3, 2015

The August 3, 2015 meeting of the New Hampshire Board of Dental Examiners was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Charles E. Albee, DMD with the following members present:

Charles Albee, DMD, President
Marshall Baldassarre, DMD, Vice President
Arthur D. McKibbin, Jr., DMD
Nilfa Collins, DMD
Stacy Plourde, RDH
Ellen Legg, RDH
Tara Levesque-Vogel, DMD
Linda Tatarczuch, MSW

3:00 p.m. - NH Professionals Health Program (PHP) – Sally Garhart, MD, Medical Director of the PHP made a presentation to the Board, explaining what the program does to assist medical professionals who have issues such as substance abuse and mental health issues. She explained that the fee paid to the program is for assessment and monitoring and that the licensee pays for his/her own treatment. Most referrals to the program are from the Board. Since Dr. Garhart has been the Director, the program has evaluated 5 dentists, 2 of whom graduated.

The Board voted to participate in the PHP for this biennium, including both dentists and hygienists, on the condition that the Board's Executive Director will check whether the Board currently has the money for hygienists to participate.

Review minutes of July 6, 2015 Board Meeting – The Board voted to accept the public minutes as amended (Linda Tatarczuch, MSW, Marshall Baldassarre, DMD, and Tara Levesque-Vogel, DMD abstained.)

ADMINISTRATIVE

1. Hygienists Committee

- a. Minutes of July 6, 2015 Hygienists Committee Meeting – Due to lack of a quorum, the Committee was unable to approve its July minutes.

- b. Hygienists Committee Comments – Ellen Legg reported that the Committee is continuing to work on language for the administrative rules addressing dental hygiene duties.
2. Hygienists' Association Comments – None.
3. Dental Society Comments – Executive Director Mike Auerbach reported that new NHDS President Dr. Peter Welnak and he will be traveling throughout the state over the next few months, visiting with the Society's component members. He also advised that he had the pleasure of meeting with students at UNE Dental School a few weeks ago. The NHDS is in the process of building bridges with the UNE students in order to foster their interest in practicing in New Hampshire. The ADA and Mike Auerbach's State Executive counterparts met in Chicago two weeks ago. Among the topics of discussion was so-called "corporate dentistry" (such as Aspen and Gentle Dental). They are also known as "Dental Service Organizations". Such practices employ a different business model, and NHDS and other state societies are exploring how to engage such organizations. If the Board has any insights or thoughts it would like to share on the subject, the Society would be happy to hear them.
4. Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA) (formerly NERB) Comments – None.
5. Board Office Comments – The Board's Executive Director advised the Board that she had met with the State Archivist last week to work on updating and clarifying the Board's retention schedules for various kinds of documents. With respect to Den 304.02(h)(3), the Board clarified that the evaluation referred to is the comprehensive evaluation. The Board also voted to amend Den 304.02 to require all dental offices which administer general anesthesia or sedation to have an initial facility inspection and one every 5 years thereafter.
6. SB 56 Study Committee - Board Representation needed - #15-197 – The Board voted to have Dr. Albee and Stacy Plourde share the responsibilities serving as the Board's representative on this study committee.
7. PDMP Update - #15-181 – The Board's Executive Director advised that by mid-August the Board should have the latest PDMP report showing who has not yet registered. At this time, it appears that the Board has approximately 148 dental licensees who have not yet registered. After the latest PDMP report is received, the Board will send a letter to those licensees who have failed to register, advising them that the Board will seek discipline against them.
8. Draft Letter to Complainant re: Letter of Concern - #15-182 – The Board voted to approve this letter, to be sent to complainants when a licensee has been issued a confidential letter of concern.

9. National Provider Identifier (NPI) - #15-183 – The Board voted to accept the language provided by the Dental Hygienists Committee as to why dental hygienists must obtain an NPI. This will be posted on the Board's website.
10. Superior Court Case (Osborn vs. Cooney) - #15-184 – The Board voted to wait until the court case is resolved before taking any action.
11. Informational (emailed previously)
 - a. Retirement - Margaret Snow, DMD, DHHS Medicaid Dental Director
 - b. AADA 2015 Annual Meeting (Nov. 1-2, 2015)
 - c. HB 271 re: Opioid antagonist for opioid-related overdoses – The Board's Executive Director advised that the meeting of the Opioid Task Force of the NH Governor's Commission on AOD will be held on Thursday, August 27, 2015 at 9:00 am, at the NH Hospital Association on Airport Road in Concord. It does not appear at this time that any Board member will be available to attend.

LICENSURE AND REPORTS

1. DENTIST APPLICATIONS APPROVED

Robert B. Bolton, DDS
Minh N.T. Bui, DMD
Caroline E. Clerisme, DMD
Lily Hu, DMD
Heather M. Keeling, DDS

Jaerim Lee, DMD
Rasha Rafizadeh, DMD
James F. Raymond, DMD
Tushin A. Shah, DDS
Thomas P. Suranyi, DDS

2. HYGIENIST APPLICATION APPROVED

Whitney E. Allen, RDH
Patricia M. Amaral, RDH
Haley C. Brooks, RDH
Molly T. Buell, RDH
Amanda J. Cahill, RDH
Danielle M. Dupont, RDH
Brooke C. Foley, RDH
Victoria P. Gaudette, RDH

Amy B. Marble, RDH
Cathleen E. Messemer, RDH
Amanda-Jean G. Messier, RDH
Mary S. Norton, RDH
Kendra L. O'Callaghan, RDH
Camila R. Paiva, RDH
Chelsea L. Sanders, RDH
Jenna M. Sharrow, RDH

3. PUBLIC HEALTH SUPERVISION

- a. Certified Public Health Dental Hygienist Application - #15-186 - The Board voted to approve the application and give certification to Connie George, RDH.
- b. #15-185 - The Board voted to accept the Public Health Summary Report and send a letter of appreciation to:
 - Children's Dental Network
 - Frisbie Smiles School Dental Program
 - Lamprey Health Care School-Based Dental Program
 - Manchester School Oral Health Program
 - Milford School Dental Program
 - Salem Children's Dental Network
 - Speare Memorial Hospital School Dental Program
 - Wentworth Douglass Community Dental Center

4. ANESTHESIA/SEDATION

- Lily Hu, DMD - #15-187 - The Board voted to approve Dr. Hu's application for a General Anesthesia/Deep Sedation permit pending a facility inspection.

Note: All votes were unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

At 4:40 p.m, pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, the Board voted to go into non-public session by roll call vote because public disclosure may render a proposed action ineffective or adversely affect the reputation of a person other than a Board member.